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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON U.S. RESERVATION RE SVALBARD TREATY

REF: OSL0 05219

1. EDWARD GLOVER, SECOND SECRETARY BRITISH EMBASSY, CAME INTO THE DEPT ON NOVEMBER 26 TO TALK ABOUT THE US RESERVATION RE THE SVALBARD TREATY. GLOVER HAD REQUESTED, BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FROM LONDON A COPY OF THE UK NOTE AND WAS NOT UP-TO-DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS. DEPOFFS GAVE GLOVER COPY OF THE US RESERVATION AND EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IT AND THE UK RESERVATION AS THEY UNDERSTOOD IT. GLOVER WAS ASKED TO HOLD AS CONFIDENTIAL THE FACT THAT WE HAD GIVEN A COPY OF THE NOTE TO HIS GOVERNMENT. GLOVER HAS PROMISED TO GIVE US MORE INFORMATION AND A COPY OF THE BRITISH NOTE WHEN HE RECEIVES IT. THE DEPT HAS NOT TALKED TO ANYONE ELSE ABOUT OUR RESERVATION AND HAS NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED ABOUT IT.

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2. DEPT AGREES THAT, SINCE THE NORWEGIANS HAVE RELEASED INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NOTE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO ASK THE GON WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD OBJECT TO OUR RELEASING THE TEXT ON A CONFIDENTIAL, IF ASKED BASIS TO ALLIED GOVERNMENTS. IF THE NORWEGIANS DO NOT OBJECT STRONGLY, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO SHOW THE TEXT OF OUR NOTE TO THE DANISH AMBASSADOR AND TO THE NETHERLANDS (AND BRITISH) COUNSELORS. RE THE DANISH AMBASSADOR, WE WOULD NOT, OF

COURSE, WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH THEIR DISPUTE WITH THE UK OVER THE ISLAND NEAR THE FAROES.

3. IF YOU DECIDE THAT RELEASE OF THE TEXT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED EMBASSIES WILL NOT CREATE PROBLEMS WITH THE GON, WE WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY REACTIONS TO OUR RESERVATION AND WHETHER THE DANES AND THE DUTCH CONTEMPLATE ACTION OF SOME KIND RE SVALBARD. INGERSOLL

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